

SENATE BILL 1277  
By Koella

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1,  
relative to compensation and expenses of members of the  
general assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) There is created an advisory committee to be known as the committee on the general assembly.

(b) On or before February 1, 1998, the committee shall make recommendations to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives as to their evaluation of legislative duties and responsibilities and what the committee believes to be the appropriate compensation, office and home office expense allowance, individual expense allowance and travel expense reimbursement for members and officers of the general assembly. The committee shall also recommend an appropriate mechanism, if any, for future adjustments to such compensation, expense allowances and travel expense reimbursement. The committee shall also propose rules for allowable office, home office and individual allowance expenses and rules for travel reimbursement.

(c) The committee shall consist of seven (7) members, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate and two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house. Each speaker shall appoint one (1) member from each major political party. The governor shall appoint three (3) members of the commission. The governor shall not appoint more than two (2) people from the same political party. In

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making the appointments authorized herein, the speakers and governor shall appoint citizens who have demonstrated integrity and are widely recognized as knowledgeable and successful in the areas of business and finance. Such appointees should have demonstrated leadership ability, broadly based knowledge, and business or professional ability. No member of the committee shall be a lobbyist, legislator or former legislator, an elected municipal, county, or state official or an employee of state or local government, or an employee of any association of governments or government officials.

(d) The committee shall meet in Nashville at such times and places as it deems necessary.

(e) The committee shall elect one (1) member to serve as chair of the committee.

(f) The committee may establish such subcommittees as it deems necessary for the performance of its duties.

(g) Members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses actually incurred in the performance of their official duties. Such reimbursement shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(h) The office of the comptroller of the treasury, the office of the state treasurer and the office of legislative administration shall provide staff and such other assistance as may be necessary for the committee to fulfill its duties.

(i) The committee shall cease to exist upon filing its recommendations with the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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